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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
ADMINISTRATION OF IDENTIFYING
CHARACTERISTICS: International Business Machines Corporation
: 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
: Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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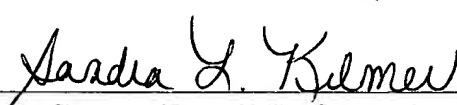


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